

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TEDDY FARMER,

Plaintiff,

- against -

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, POLICE  
OFFICER CARLOS COLON, POLICE  
SERGEANT ROBERTO DOMINICCI,  
POLICE OFFICER DOUGLAS GRAHAM,  
POLICE OFFICER VLAD KOGAN,  
POLICE OFFICER DERRICK MCINTOSH,

Defendants.  
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ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS  
CARLOS COLON AND DOUGLAS  
GRAHAM TO FIRST AMENDED  
COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendants<sup>1</sup>, CARLOS COLON and DOUGLAS GRAHAM, by their  
attorney, Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, answering  
the First Amended Complaint, November 7, 2007 ("complaint"):

1. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "1" of the complaint, except  
admit that plaintiff has commenced an action as stated therein.
2. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "2" of the complaint, except  
admit that plaintiff purports to bring this action and invoke the jurisdiction of this Court as  
stated therein.
3. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "3" of the complaint, except  
admit that plaintiff purports to base venue in this district as stated therein.

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<sup>1</sup> An answer to the First Amended Complaint was previously interposed on behalf of the  
remaining defendants, City of New York, Robert Dominicci, Vlad Kogan and Derrick  
McIntosh.

4. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "4" of the complaint.

5. Admit the allegations set forth in paragraph "5" of the complaint.

6. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "6" of the complaint, except admit that Colon was on October 26, 2006 employed by the City of New York as a Police Officer, was involved in plaintiff's arrest, and that plaintiff purports to sue him in his individual capacity as stated therein.

7. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "7" of the complaint, except admit that Dominicci was on October 26, 2006 employed by the City of New York as a Police Sergeant, was involved in plaintiff's arrest, and that plaintiff purports to sue him in his individual capacity as stated therein.

8. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "8" of the complaint, except admit that Graham was on October 26, 2006 employed by the City of New York as a Police Officer, was involved in plaintiff's arrest, and that plaintiff purports to sue him in his individual capacity as stated therein.

9. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "9" of the complaint, except admit that Kogan was on October 26, 2006 employed by the City of New York as a Police Officer, and that plaintiff purports to sue him in his individual capacity as stated therein.

10. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "10" of the complaint, except admit that McIntosh was on October 26, 2006 employed by the City of New York as a Police Officer, was involved in plaintiff's arrest, and that plaintiff purports to sue him in his individual capacity as stated therein.

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11. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "11" of the complaint, except admit that plaintiff and Kenyatta Lebraun entered the lobby of 137 MacDonough Street, Brooklyn, New York.

12. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "12" of the complaint.

13. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "13" of the complaint, except admit that McIntosh sought entry into the building.

14. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "14" of the complaint, except admit that officers were admitted into the building.

15. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "15" of the complaint, except admit that Colon and Graham arrived at the scene.

16. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "16" of the complaint.

17. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "17" of the complaint.

18. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "18" of the complaint, except admit that plaintiff was taken to the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct for arrest processing.

19. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "19" of the complaint.

20. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "20" of the complaint.

21. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "21" of the complaint.

22. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "22" of the complaint.

23. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "23" of the complaint, except deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning the disposition of the charges.

24. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph "24" of the complaint.

25. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "25" of the complaint.

26. In response to paragraph "26" of the complaint, defendants repeat and re-allege their responses to the allegations set forth in paragraphs "1" through "25" as though fully set forth herein.

27. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "27" of the complaint.

28. In response to paragraph "28" of the complaint, defendants repeat and re-allege their responses to the allegations set forth in paragraphs "1" through "27" as though fully set forth herein.

29. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "29" of the complaint.

30. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "30" of the complaint.

31. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "31" of the complaint.

#### **First Affirmative Defense**

32. Plaintiff's complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

#### **Second Affirmative Defense**

33. Defendants have not violated any rights, privileges, or immunities under the Constitution or laws of the United States, the State of New York, or any political subdivision thereof.

**Third Affirmative Defense**

34. At all times relevant to the acts alleged in the complaint, defendants acted reasonably in the proper and lawful exercise of their discretion.

**Fourth Affirmative Defense**

35. Any damage or injury alleged in the complaint was caused or contributed to, in whole or in part, by reason of plaintiff's culpable or negligent conduct and was not the proximate result of any act of defendants.

**Fifth Affirmative Defense**

36. At all times relevant to the acts alleged in the complaint, the duties and functions of the municipal defendant's officials entailed the reasonable exercise of proper and lawful discretion. Therefore, the municipal defendant has governmental immunity from liability.

**Sixth Affirmative Defense**

37. There was probable cause for plaintiff's arrest, detention and prosecution.

**Seventh Affirmative Defense**

38. Plaintiff cannot obtain punitive damages as against the City of New York.

**Eighth Affirmative Defense**

39. Defendants Colon and Graham have not violated any clearly established constitutional or statutory rights of which a reasonable person would have known and therefore are protected by qualified immunity.

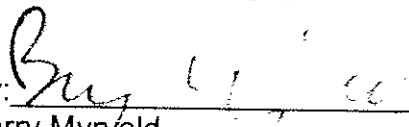
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WHEREFORE, defendants demand judgment dismissing the complaint in its entirety, together with the costs and disbursements of this action, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DATED: New York, New York  
January 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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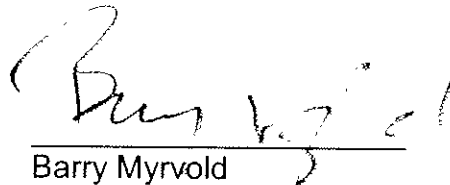
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 30, 2008, the foregoing document was filed with the Clerk of the Court and served in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and/or the Southern District's Local Rules, and/or the Southern District's Rules on Electronic Service upon the following parties and participants:

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